



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
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Dr. Thomas Dobbs  
State Health Officer  
Mississippi State Department of Health  
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Dear Dr. Dobbs:

As required by Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations §142.17, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 conducted an Annual Review of the Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Program administered by the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. The evaluation focused on core PWSS Program elements such as rule adoption and implementation, sanitary surveys, data management, laboratory certification and enforcement. In addition, it considered other programs and issues that support implementation of the PWSS Program, including capacity development, operator certification and state resources. For this effort, we relied on existing information already reported to the EPA by the MSDH as well as information gathered through routine meetings and correspondence with representatives of the Mississippi PWSS Program. Overall, the EPA Region 4 concluded that Mississippi met the PWSS Program grant requirements for FY 2021.

Please review the report and provide comments to the EPA Region 4 within 14 days. If this schedule is not acceptable, please contact us to establish a different time frame. If you have questions regarding any aspect of the report or the evaluation process, please have a member of your staff contact Mr. Brian Smith, of the Safe Drinking Water Branch at (404) 562-9845.

Sincerely,

Daniel Blackman  
Regional Administrator

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